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Trudy, Jim, Donnell, Donna and Steven

The next few years were a period of transfers for Jim. After basic training, he went to a naval base at Millington, Tennessee. He qualified as a hydraulic mechanic. Donna and Steven flew to Millington to be with Jim. After completing the school at Millington, Tennessee, Jim was transferred back to California for one month, taking his family with him. Upon completion of that schooling, Jim was stationed permanently at New River Air Station, Jacksonville, North Carolina. Donna and Steven lived in Tabiona until Jim found a place for them to live, and then they flew to North Carolina to be with Jim. They lived in a little town, Verona, for fifteen months.

In October, 1973, Jim was assigned six months cruise duty, and so once again, Donna and their son flew back to Utah, and then to Tabiona. They were expecting an addition to their family. On February 17, 1974, their daughter, Trudy Lynn, was born in Heber. Jim was on the aircraft carrier Iwo Jima and visited Spain, France, Greece, and the Island of Crete. His unit helped to clear the Suez Canal of the equipment that had been sunk there in 1967, when Israel and Egypt were at war.

During this cruise, Jim re-enlisted for four years. He returned to North Carolina in May, 1974, and immediately flew to Utah, where his family was waiting. He saw his four-month-old daughter for the first time.

After a week in Utah, the Morrison family left once more. They had a new car and drove back to Jacksonville, North Carolina, vacationing on the way.

Jim's enlistment was up, and he was honorably released from the U.S. Marine Corps in April, 1978, with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

The Morrison family drove back to Tabiona and set about making a permanent home. Jim is employed by Utah Machinery Co. in Roosevelt, but their home is Tabiona.

Their third child, another daughter, Twila Donnell, was born May 19, 1980, also at Heber.

The service life was good for them. They met many

people who became good friends, and they will never forget the special times they had with them.

They love Tabiona and think that it truly is the most beautiful place on earth.

#### JOSEPH T. MURDOCK

Joseph T. Murdock was born November 21, 1884 and died July 1, 1963. He was a son of Parley A. and Lucy Hundley Murdock. Joe was educated in Heber City Schools and BYU.

Joe was a sheep man. He with his father P.A. Murdock, and a brother-in-law, Joseph Peterson, bought the Jerimey ranch on the upper West Fork of the Duchesne River.

He married Marvel Lay and they made their home at the ranch for a few years and later built a home in Heber City, where the children could attend school and spend the summer months at the ranch. Joe and Marvel are the parents of seven children, three deceased.

Joe sold the ranch to Orven Moon.

Marvel Lay was born August 6, 1897 in Vernal, Utah, a daughter of William Ely and Maud Davis Lay. She attended Kingberry Congregational Grade School and graduated from the Wilcox Academy in 1916.

The family moved to Hanna, Utah in 1912. Having always lived on a farm, Marvel fit right into ranch life when she married Joseph T. Murdock, co-owner and operator of a sheep ranch on the upper Duchesne River.

The Murdocks built a home in Heber in 1925 and spent the winter months in Heber and the spring and summer months at the ranch in Duchesne County.

Marvel was chosen Wasatch County Mother of the Year, and gained national recognition as President of the National Wool Growers auxiliary for two years. Joe and Marvel are the parents of two daughters who passed away in infancy and five sons; Lovell A. deceased, Harvey L., Robert G., J. Don, and Allen D.

Marvel presently lives in Heber City.



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